

Are We Crazy?

The psychiatric community has discovered a new mental illness sweeping America. It's called (are you ready for this?) "Government Phobia". No joke, fellow Patriots. Psychiatrists around the country are taking this newly discovered malady seriously.

We know it will come as a shock to many of you to discover that you have a mental illness -- and a new one at that -- but take heart, many before you have suffered with this disorder, and have gone on to lead productive lives.

First, let us analyze the symptoms:

1. Do you feel that the federal government is getting too big, too intrusive?
2. Have you ever expressed dismay at the \$4 1/2 trillion national debt?
3. Do you ever find yourself listening to a patriot radio show on short-wave?
4. Do you enjoy being in the company of other people who share your views about our government?
5. Do you own a firearm and have considered burying it?
6. When you see Sen. Charles Schumer on TV, have you ever muttered expletives?

The list goes on and on, but you get the idea. But take heart, brave patriots. Many of the Founding Fathers of our nation suffered from Government Phobia. So much so that they expressed fear of the federal government before there was a federal government.

Psychiatrists would label this Pre-Government Phobia today, but it was called anti-federalism 200 years ago.

Many of our Founding Fathers suffered from Government Phobia to such an extreme that they included the Second Amendment in our Bill of Rights so that we would have arms with which to protect ourselves, as a last resort, against the newly formed government. Now that's phobic!

Our Bill of Rights, which is a pro-people, anti-government document, came into existence through the efforts of Pre-Government Phobics -- Patrick Henry being the most noted member of that group.

Could there be a connection between Government Phobia and another disease that has infected the body politic for the last sixty years? Yes, we are speaking of another mental disorder -- the feared, the dreaded "Potomac Fever."

Unlike Government Phobia, Potomac Fever strikes very few Americans, and in many aspects, is like AIDS: it is acquired. First, you get elected to a Federal office, then, after living in Washington D.C. for a period of time, strange behavioral patterns begin to manifest themselves. Symptoms include a desire to be reelected. Former Rep. Tom Foley suffered from this symptom to such an extent that when constituents in his home state voted for term limitations, he sued them in court.

The effects accompanying Potomac Fever are so numerous it has given birth to a new growth industry, i.e. talk radio. Talk radio hosts will sit behind a microphone for hours at a time and converse with their listeners about the symptoms and adverse effects Potomac Fever is having upon the country.

Potomac Fever and Government Phobia go hand in hand. You see, without Potomac Fever, there would be no Government Phobia.

If mental health professionals wish to recognize Government Phobia as a bona fide mental disorder, take advantage of it. Go to a psychiatrist, tell him what you think of the federal government and get yourself certified as suffering from Government Phobia. Then at a future date, should you ever find yourself in court fighting big government, don't bring a lawyer, bring your doctor. He'll explain to the judge that because of your "condition" you can't be found guilty.